

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-31 are active in the present application. Claims 1-15 and 17-22 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and for clarity. Claims 23-31 are new claims. Support for the new claims is found in the original claims. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

--1. (Amended) A polymerizable solid aliphatic polyurethane containing one or more olefinically unsaturated double bonds, said polyurethane having a very narrow melting range within the temperature range from 40 to 200°C, [which is preparable] said polyurethane derived from

- A) at least one linear aliphatic diisocyanate,
- B) at least one aliphatic compound containing at least two isocyanate-reactive functional groups and/or water, and
- C) at least one olefinically unsaturated compound containing an isocyanate-reactive functional group.

2. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of claim 1, [characterized in that it] wherein the polyurethane has a melting range from 0.5 to 10°C[, in particular from 1 to 6°C].

3. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of claim 1 [or 2], [characterized in that it] wherein the polyurethane has a sharp melting point.

4. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of [one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that it] claim 1, wherein the polyurethane has a very narrow melting range or a sharp melting point in the temperature range from 60 to 185°C.

5. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of [one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it] claim 1, wherein the polyurethane contains terminal and/or lateral[, especially terminal,] olefinically unsaturated double bonds.

6. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of claim 5, [characterized in that] wherein the olefinically unsaturated double bonds are present in (meth)acrylate, vinyl ether, vinyl ester, allyl, allyl ether and/or allyl ester groups[, preferably methacrylate and/or acrylate groups, especially acrylate groups].

7. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of [one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the linear aliphatic diisocyanate A) represents a monomeric diisocyanate, [and/or] an oligomeric diisocyanate, [or] a polymeric diisocyanate or mixtures thereof, derived [preparable] from

- A) at least one linear aliphatic diisocyanate and
- B) at least one aliphatic compound containing at least two isocyanate-reactive functional groups.

8. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of [one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the isocyanate-reactive functional groups are amino groups, thiol groups [and/or] or hydroxyl groups[, preferably amino groups and/or hydroxyl groups, particularly hydroxyl groups].

9. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of claim 8, [characterized in that] wherein the aliphatic compound B) is linear.

10. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of claim 9, [that] wherein the linear aliphatic compound B) is a diamine, triamine, amino alcohol containing at least one amino group and at least one hydroxyl group, diol, triol, tetrol [and/or], sugar alcohol or mixtures thereof.

11. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of claim 10, [characterized in that] wherein the linear aliphatic compound B) is a low molecular weight diol, triol, [or] a tetrol, [or] a sugar alcohol having a molecular weight of from 62 to 200 daltons, [and/or] a linear aliphatic oligomeric polyesterdiol, [and/or] polymeric polyesterdiol, or [and/or] polyetherdiol [is used as linear aliphatic compound B)].

12. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of [one of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein

- (1) at least one diisocyanate A) is reacted with at least one compound C) in a molar ratio A):C) of 1:1 to give an adduct A/C) containing one isocyanate group and one olefinically unsaturated group, and then
- (2) the adduct A/C) is reacted with at least one compound B) in a molar ratio A/C):B) of x:1, wherein x is the number of the isocyanate-reactive groups in the at least one compound B), to give the aliphatic polyurethane.

13. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of [one of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein

- (1) at least one diisocyanate A) is reacted with at least one compound B) in a molar ratio A):B) of x:1, wherein x is the number of the isocyanate-reactive groups in the at least one compound B) to give the adduct A/B) containing x isocyanate groups, and then
- (2) the adduct A/B) is reacted with at least one compound C) in a molar ratio C):A/B) of x:1, wherein x is the number of the isocyanate groups in the adduct A/B) to give the aliphatic polyurethane.

14. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of claim 12 [or 13, characterized in that] wherein x is a number[, in particular a whole number,] from 2 to 6.

15. (Amended) The aliphatic polyurethane of [one of claims 1 to 14, characterized in that its] claim 1, wherein the soft phase has a glass transition temperature $T_g < 25^\circ\text{C}$.

17. (Amended) A powder coating material curable thermally and/or curable with actinic radiation which comprises [or consists of] at least one aliphatic polyurethane according to [one of claims 1 to 15] claim 1.

18. (Amended) The powder coating material of claim 17, [characterized in that it further comprises] further comprising oligomers and/or polymers which are curable thermally and/or with actinic radiation and have a glass transition temperature T_g of more than 40°C .

19. (Amended) The powder coating material of claim 17 [or 18, characterized in that it further comprises] further comprising one or more customary coatings additives.

20. (Amended) The powder coating material of [one of claims 17 to 19, characterized in that it] claim 17, wherein the powder coating material is in the form of a powder slurry coating material.

21. (Amended) A coating [producible] derived from a powder coating material according to [one of claims 17 to 20] claim 17.

22. (Amended) Primed and unprimed substrates[, especially bodies of automobiles and commercial vehicles, industrial components, including plastics parts, packaging, coils, and electrical components, or furniture,] comprising at least one coating according to claim 20.

Claims 23-31 (New).--